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"Whatever you are—Be that! Whatever you say—Be true! Straightforwardly act, honest—in fact, Be nobody else but you."

POETRY. How He Saved the Fourth.

He thought he would chop him a lit-tle spare wood; On this giorious Fourth it is fine, don't you know,
To swing a big axe and make your-,
self grow!

"Ha! ha!" cried Sir Smile-Ups,
"these boards I shall take, For a monstrous, strong chest they most surely will make. 'Tis sad on the Fourth to see crack-And eyebrogs and fingers all strewn on the ground,

"And mothers are wailing, What for, do you buy
Such foolish explosives? and fathers
shout, Why!"
Thus saying, Sir Smile-Ups quick
straddled his chest,
Threw out his shoulders and pulled down his vest!

Then the chest flew on wings, as I have been told,
And passed through those places
where crackers are sold;
Not for eating, oh, no; but the kind
that make noise— The kind that are liked by some big.

Sir Smile-Ups sat smiling an hour or more, As boys empty-handed came out of when next he was seen he was grinning with glee, With crackers in chest, and chest in

UNCLE JED'S TALK TO WIDE-AWAKES.

-Wee Wisdom.

Vacation days are the days when most children count upon having a good time, and if they know what a good time is they increase the joy of Bying.

I have known children to think they could have a good time by disobeying the shoulders and keep it in place with their parents, and such children get a broad cotton or leather band around broken bones and scars they carry for life if they do not happen betheir disobedience to get

was innocent amusement, but I must tell the Wide Awakes that a good time is any safe, interesting or use-

be adding to one's ability to do things can read. or to make money.

for it may include agreeable work. For cover many acres with their rulns. No one knows when they were built, but instance, the Wide Awake who makes a book-case for his prizebooks not only in the work finds pleasure, but in the abiding satisfaction and convenience of his success.

There is pleasure in the making of little gardens and the care of pets and a knowledge of plants and birds. Activity of the mind in service affords pleasure as well as the activity of the body in games which add strength to the muscles and color to the cheeks and brightness to the eyes.

"All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy," and all play and no work is liable to make of Jack a lazy and useless man.

The Village Blacksmith.

Did you ever see a blacksmith? A blacksmith works with iron. He heats the iron until it is very hot. It is soft when it is red hot. He puts the iron upon an anvil and strikes it with his heavy hammer. He must be a very strong man. He can make many things of iron. He makes shoes for horses and nails them on their hoofs. There was a blacksmith work is every hammer. He must be a very strong man. He can make many things of iron. He makes shoes for horses and nails them on their hoofs. There was a blacksmith work he iron upon an anvil and strikes it with his heavy hammer. He must be a very strong man. He can make many things of iron. He makes shoes for horses and nails them on their hoofs. There was a blacksmith work he iron upon an anvil and strikes it with his heavy hammer. He must be a very strong man. He can make many things of iron. He heats the iron until it is very hot. It is soft when it is red hot. He puts the iron upon an anvil and strikes it with his heavy hammer. He must be a very strong man. He can make many things of iron. He heats the iron until it is very hot. It is soft when it is red hot. He puts the iron upon an anvil and strikes it with his heavy hammer. He must be a very strong man. He can make many things of iron. He must be a very strong man. He can make many things of iron. He must be a very strong man. He can make many things of iron. He must be a very strong man. He can make many things of iron. He is done it is very hot. It is soft when it is red hot. He puts the iron upon an anvil and strikes it with his heavy hammer. He must be a very strong man. He can make m

to a child's healthy growth and development-that adds to it's capacity for knowing every good thing and

rouses the sense that any good thin abused gives evil results.

Elizabeth M. O'Rourke, of Provi-ence: I have received the prize book, "Witch Winnie's Mystery," for dence: I have received the book, "Witch Winnie's Myster; which I thank you very much.

Mary Louise Brush, of Bozrah: Thank you very much for my prize book, "Camp Fire Gifts Across the Sea." I have read most of it, and like it very well.

Carrie A. Pratt, of Pomfret Cen-ter: Please accept my thanks for the prize book, "The Camp Fire Giris Amid the Snews." I have read it through and I enjoyed it very much

Bertha Fuller of Eagleville: I re-ceived the prize book and thank you very much for it. The name of it is Madge Norton, Captain of the Merry Maid, I have read it and found it very

THE WINNERS OF PRIZE BOOKS 1-Elizabeth M. O'Rourke of Providence, R. L.-The Lady of the For-

2-Grace Burrill, of Stafford Springs -Tom Fairfield at Sea. 3-Ruth Cregan, of Wilsonville-The Lady of the Forest. 4-Louis Pollock, of Mansfield-Dave Dashaway and His Hydroplane.

5-Mildred Weaver, of Hampton-Three Little Women at Work. 6-Jessie Brehaut, of East Norwich, N. Y .- A Gay Charmer,

7-Leona A. Palmer, of Eagleville -The Maid of the Mountains. 8—Alex Dugas, of Versailles—Tom Fairfield in Camp.

STORIES WRITTEN BY WIDE. AWAKES.

The Little Grass Sellers, The Little Grass Sellers.

The Indians and negroes of warm countries carry heavy loads. They acquire great skill and strength in this way, and can support heavy burdens that a white man could hardly lift. Not only do they bear them upon their backs, but even upon their heads. heads. People have had negroes carry trunks on their heads for many miles.

As they practice this mode from the time they can walk. They balance almost any object upon their heads without holding it with the hands. The Indians, though they also carry great loads on their heads, yet prefer, as a rule, to carry them on their hades. backs.

In Mexico they take the load upon

the forehead. South of the United States is South of the United States is a country called Yucatan. Going along the country roads at night, you may meet hundreds of men and women coming to market. Not only men and women, but boys and girls have to carry their share. The people who bring hay to the markets look like

Walking haystacks at a distance. With so much work to do, these boys. It is as useful an employment to be for school. They learn very little; but most of them can count, and many

> they are great and grand, CATHERINE NELSON, Age 12. Versailles.

The Village Blacksmith.

A large tree grew very near the black. A good time, then, is play or employment which is agreeable and adds to a child's healthy growth and detree in the poem.
LEO POLIQUIN, Age 11.

Versailles.

An Original Fairy Story. Once upon a time, ever so long ago, when there were fairies, a little girl was born in the town of F——. She was named Daisy, and grew up to be a thoughtful, useful little girl; always merry and kind-hearted, often spending her playtime in picking flowers for sick people, or in making someone sise hanny.

sick people, or in making someone else happy.

She preferred to do this rather than buy anything for herself. Everyone loved the good little girl. She had a sweet, smiling face, bright, golden curls and was always dressed in white.

One day while Daisy was dancing along the road singing gally and holding in her hands some very pretty flowers, a little old woman hobbled out of the woods and sank wearily down by the roadside. She was really a fairy named Lightheart who had often heard about the little girl and wanted to test her kindness.

her kindness.

"Good morning, mother," said Daisy in her cheery voice. "You look tired and worn out, Would you not like these pretty flowers that I found in the field this morning; and won't you tell me where you live? Perhaps I can help you do your work so that you may

Sea." I have read most of it, and like it very well.

Carrie A. Pratt, of Pomfret Center: Please accept my thanks for the prize book, "The Camp Fire Giris Amid the Snows." I have read it through and I enjoyed it very much.

Frederick Kondall, of Norwich: I thank you for prize book, entitled "Boy Scouts for Uncie Sam." I have read it through and liked it very much.

Bertha Fuller of Eagleville: I received the prize book and thank you very much for it. The name of it is West and Worn out. Would you not like these pretty flowers that I found in the these pretty flowe She led the little girl away and Dalsy was never seen again, but beautiful flowers grew all over the fields ever since that time. They have yellow centers and white petals and they are known now as white daisies.

No one ever found out what became the price although nearly who has of Daisy, although people who be-lieve in fairles think she was changed into a fairy, too, and the daisy of the field reminds us of the beautiful golden haired Daisy of that other time.

MARY A. BURRULL, Age 18.

A Robber Story.

Long ago there were a great many robbers in England. One day a party of people was traveling through the forest where the robbers dwelt. A con-versation was being carried on about robbers. One man who had six pounds said: "I am afraid of having my money stolen. What can I do with it?" A woman who was more common than the rest said: "Put it in your

The man did so at once. Just then the coach door was opened and a man with a mask over his face demanded money.

The common woman said: "You will find what you want in that man's boot."
The people were angry and asked

the common woman what she told where the money was for. She told them all to come to her house the next day and she would tell The next day they all went to he

amount with me than that man did, and I thought I would rather lose six pounds by paying that man back, than lose all of my money."

The people were pleased with her answer.

A Boston business man's plan whereby he secured a reliable office boy was to say the least unique and the results showed that the business man was far-sighted.

"Take this package out to 2763 business."

RUTH CREGAN, Age 13.

Rhode Island's Immigrants. Within the last few years Rhode Island has had some interesting speci-mens of immigrants. Perhaps you will be surprised when I tell you that they are deer and pheasants. The former have come here for protection, because they find they may rove unmolested in our woods. They have become a fre-quent sight in the northern part of our state and may be seen wandering about on moonlight nights in secluded mead-ows and often in shady apple orchards Our pheasant immigrants live much like the partridges but do not seem so wild. They frequent grain fields and wallow in tall grass. One can hear them call their mates with a peculiar note, similar to that of the peacock, and yet much like the con of a dove at which almost touch the ground as they strut about.

We Rhode Islanders are proud of to do, he did, whatever the lab

Providence, R. I.

Our Walk,

Our teacher took us all for a walk one afternoon. We wanted to find as many kinds of flowers as we could. We followed the road and after we had walked for quite a long time we came to an old house.

We went in the woods by the house

to see if we could find some pink la-dies' slippers. We only found two blossoms, but there were a lot of buds. On our way back to the road I saw a bird fly out of the grass by a pine

the school we scared up a partridge with little ones. One of the baby birds hid under the leaves and one of the girls stepped on it and killed it.
By the time we reached the school-house we had quite a large bunch of flowers, but we were all very tired.
GRACE BURRILL, Age 10.
Stafford Springs.

The Boston Tea Party. and was very tired, mamma said, it would asked the would ache worse if I went out in the hot sum. Everybook said it seemed as if the news had such worse if I went out in the hot sum. Everybook said it seemed as if the news had such worse if I went out in the hot sum. Everybook said it seemed as if the news had such worse if I went out in the hot sum. Everybook said it seemed as if the news had such worse if I went out in the hot sum. Everybook said it seemed as if the news had such worse if I went out in the hot sum. Everybook said it seemed as if the news had such worse if I went out in the hot sum. Everybook said it seemed as if the news had sum that I seemed as if the news had such worse if I went out in the hot sum of the s

LETTERS TO UNCLE JED. Wood Soldier Made in Germany

saddle on tightly. Then we put the crupper under the horse's tail.

When this is done we put the bridle on his head and fasten the threat latch.

Then we back him into the shafts and fasten the holdback straps.

Then we fasten the traces to the whittle-tree and put the reins through the rings on the bridle and fasten them. After this is done we put the rei

LEWIS POLLOCK, Age 18,

beg and carried me around from one place to another. He gave me to another them your ever thought that all of the wooders toys have such long travels before you have them your own.

The people in other lands have worked hard before the toys could be amade. The men must chip and chop and chiest and paint and gius to make.

So I will tell of a wooden soldier made in Germany.

There was in Germany a tree and flowers and strasses grew around it, the birds flew to and fro in its branches, and bunnies had plenids in its shade.

One day the bunnies saw the woodman come to the wood and chipsel it is shade.

One day the bunnies saw the woodman come to the wood and they heard him say. This tree will do to chop," so they turned sadly sway for they coud have no mare nice plenics under its beautiful shady boughs.

When the woodman had chopped it down it was drawn on a stodge to a saw-pit where it was sawn into planks and boards which were piled upon the saw-pit's banks.

The toy-maker came to the carpenter and asked for a few pleces to make some toys, and he took them it his shop.

And he sat and chipped and carved away and by and by it looked like a man, and at last lit looked like a looked "You can water."
I you want to."
Beth smiled, for if there was anyhe hated it was watching

Two men were sitting in a log-cabin

If any thought of the unkindness

JESSIE BREHAUT. East Norwich, N. Y.

The Ungrateful Soldier.

ways rember any act of

When they reached the brook, Jim

When they resched the brook, Jim cut two poles, one for Beth and one for himself.

"Hook my worm," said Beth. "I don't like to see the poor worm."

Then she turned her back on him until the worm was hooked. Then she turned around and said: "Show me a fishing place."

Jim took her up the brook where a little waterfall was and said: "Here's a good enough place."

She came and sat down. "Keep still," said Jim. Then a toy merchant came, with a motor car, and asked if he had any toys to sell. So the soldier was placed in a box with eleven more and he stayed for a little while in a shep had a nice time and was not the least

he stayed for a little while in a shop window.

But one day a rich man bought him for his children and his travels ended on the nursery table.

Our wooden toys are mostly imported, and they also come from Austria, Holland and Switzerland.

FLORENCE WHYTE, Age 11.

Williamstit. still," said Jim. He went to another place where he paited his hook. Soon the cork bobbed down. He knew he had a bite. He pulled his hook out and landed a trout. He took it off, put it in his pocket and baited the hook. He did this several

mes. Suddenly remembering Beth, he went Dear Uncle Jed:—All of us have thoughts of one kind or another. Ev-erything depends upon them, because thoughts lead to words and to actions. We should banish all evil thoughts and cherish those which are helpful to look for her and found her sitting in the brook. She said she would have screamed but she remembered that Jim told her to sit still.

He lifted her out and wrapped his coat around her and took her home.

They had the fish that Jim had caught for supper, and how good they and cherish those which are helpful and good.

Thoughts travel faster even than the lightning! We think of some place that we have visited, and in less ELIZABETH PARKER.
Mansfield Four Corners.

Going Fishing.

"I want to go," said Beth.
"You can't," said Jim.
Upon this, she began crying.
"You can watch me dig the

The Boy Who Got There.

away in the backwoods of Amer-ica. Presently, one of them spoke to the other, but got no reply. On re-peating his question in a louder voice, "Take this package out to 2763 Washington street," he said, handing a package to the first boy that an-swered his advertisement for "Boy his friend started, and then said,
"My thoughts have suddenly planted
me down in the old home, thousands
of miles from here. I could see everything quite distinctly, and hear them Half an hour later the boy returne

with the package.
"I walked more'n a mile an' gave it up," said the boy. "It must be way out to Dudley street." "Here's a dime for your trouble, young man." remarked the business man. "You will never do for this job." Presently another boy presented himself. He was sent on the same errand.

and attentive.

If we are dise, thoughts of the past will teach us some useful lessons. We think, for instance, of duties we have neglected; of faults we have committed. Let us be grateful to those who have been so kind and good to us, and strive to repay them by our conduct. "I walked clear out to 1200 Washington street and gave it up," he said, returning nearly an hour later.

The business man gave him a quarter, telling him that his services would not be reconstituted. not be required.

It was more than three hours before the third applicant for the position returned. He was tired and dusty, but his eyes were bright and unflinching.

"It was a long trip out there, sir," he said "but I delivered the nackage of others lingers in our memory, we should strive to banish it. There is

"It was a long trip out there, sir," he said, "but I delivered the package and here is a receipt from the man you sent it to."

"That boy proved to be a winner,"

should strive to banish it. There is an excellent motto that we should all do well to bear in mind:—

"Write injuries in dust, and kindness in marble." That is to say, try and quickly forget an injury, but al-It is as useful an employment to be dings as it is to ding to one's pleasures as it is to e adding to one's ability to do things to make money.

It is as useful an employment to be for school. They learn very little; but most of them can count, and many can read.

At one time the people of Yucatan were the wisest in America. They built temples and palaces that now bright red and green feathers.

They are about the size of a small when then the the coo of a dove, at almost any time during the summer months. Most of them have a dull brown plumage, but a few of them have bright red and green feathers.

They are about the size of a small will then and have long, sweeping tails said the business man, referring to the many thought agrees the said the business man, referring to the many through the summer months. Most of them have a dull brown plumage, but a few of them have bright red and here is a receipt from the man you sent it to."

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They are about the size of a small will the purple with the said, "but I delivered the package and here is a receipt from the man you sent it to." "I found that whatever he was sent

these newcomers and would be glad to welcome more like them.

ELIZABETH M. O'ROURKE. Dear Uncie Jed:—Not quite a hundred years after the time of Sir Philip Sidney there was a war between the Swedes and the Danes. One day a great battle was fought, and the Swedes were beaten, and driven from the Said. Versailles.

A Game of Ball.

Conrad Fletcher said: "Come, boys, swedes were beaten, and driven from let's have a game of ball before the let's have a game of ball before the A soldier of the Danes who had a lightly wounded was sitting on As there were only six on a side, been slightly wounded was sitting on the ground. He was about to take a Charlie himself went to the bat first. two were only out.

Charlie himself went to the bat first.

He hit the ball, but nearly lost his first heard some one say:

when all of Charlie's side got out but Andy, Charlie had reached the third base.

When Andy went to the bat Charlie

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The Dane went to him at once. He The Dane went to him at once. He knelt down by the side of his fallen foe, and pressed the flask to his lips. "Drink," said he, "for thy need is greater then mine."
Hardly had he spoken these words, when the Swede raised himself on his cibow, pulled a pistol from his pocket, and shot at the man who had befriend.

a bird fly out of the grass by a pine tree, and thinking that there might be a nest there, looked and found the nest with four hungry little birds in it.

A little further on there was another nest with four spotted eggs in it. Both nests were well hidden.

We decided to go home through a path that came out in back of the schoolhouse. There was a spring beside the path and as we were all very thirsty we were glad to get some of the cool water. When we were almost to the school we scared up a partiridge when to the bat Charlie cried out to Andy: "May don't, said Andy. "Why don't you give better balls?" said Andy.

Then he threw a quick ball, but Andy's eyes were quick, he hit the ball, and not only knocked Charlie in but made a home run.

When to the bat Charlie cried out to Andy: "Why don't you hit the ball?"

"Why don't you give better balls?" said Andy.

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"Why don't you give better balls?" and shot at the man who had befriend-

ed him.
The bullet grazed the Dane's shoulmade a home run.

When two got out, the other side went in. When Godfrey went to the bat one was already out. So Godfrey hit the ball, but made a foul you. I would have given you all the water you wanted, but now you shall only have half." And with that he Andy was quick and caught it.
Then the schoolbell rang so the game was ended. only have half." And with that he drank the half of it, and then gave the rest to the Swede.

When the king of the Danes heard about this he sent for the soldiers and had them tell the story just as it was "Why did you spare the life of the Swede after he had tried to kill you?"

WILLIAM KLECAK, Age 13. West Willington.

Farming In China. Before the Revolutionary war, King George saw that the Americans were getting richer every day, so he said:

"They are getting too rich. We will to shake out the grains of rice by to shake out the grains of rice by to shake out the grains of rice by the stalks one against the stalks one against the stalks one against the stalks and he rewarded the stalks and he rewarded the stalks are and he rewarded. beating the stalks one against .the other, they tie a few sticks together into small sheaves and by these means him by making him a knight, and giv-

bag and carried me around from one place to another. He gave me to another man. I went for an auto ride every day. He gave me to a grocer for some bread along with nine other pennies. He put me in a safe, something had happended while I was in this safe. It began to get very warm, then very red.

MILDRED WEAVER. Hampton.

Language.

Dear Uncle Jed:—The only Lan-guage at court, and in the castles of the great nobles, where the pomp and state of a court was emulated, was Norman French. In courts of law, the pleadings and judgments were delivered in the same

judgments were delivered in the same tongue. In short, French was the language of honor, of chivalry, and even of justice; which the far more manly and expressive Angio-Saxon was abandoned to the use of rustics and hinds, who knew no other.

Still, however, the necessary intercourse between the lords of the soil, and those oppressed inferior beings by whom that soil was cultivated occasions. than a momement our power of thought has carried us there, no mat-ter if it be at the other side of the whom that soil was cultivated, occa-sioned the gradual formation of a dialect compounded betwixt the French and the Anglo-Saxon, in which they could render themselves mutually intelligible to each other; and from this necessity arose by degrees the structure of our present English lan-

guage. ANTHONY SKRABA, Age 12. Versailles.

Her Little Kittens.

Dear Uncle Jed:—Our old cat has three little kittens. They are such pretty little things, so soft and so frowsy. One is pure white, all except a little black spot on its forehead. We call him Spotty. One is entirely black and she is named Jet. The third is striped like a tiger, and for that reason we call him Tiger.

He is not at all fierce, in spite of his name, but plays with his brother and sister, in a very friendly manner. Sometimes they play so roughly that there is danger of them being hurt.

He is danger of them being hurt.

He kind is striped like a tiger, and sister, in a very friendly manner. Sometimes they play so roughly that there is danger of them being hurt. talking also, and now you have quite as suddenly brought me back!"

We sometimes speak of persons as being thoughtful in contrast with those who are thoughtless, but when we do this, it is for the purpose of distinguishing between those who distinguishing between those who are negligent and those who are careful

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ELIZABETH WARD, Age 10.

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Brussels' Champer of Horrors. There is one notable monument of There is one notable monument of Belgian art of whose fate we have as yet heard nothing. This is the Wiertz Gallery at Brussels. Popularly described as "horrors," the Belgian's pictures are nothing of the kind, except to the populace. Most are masterpieces, descriptive of human terror and frightfulness.

The old cat looks anxious then, and on her knees. From the pot on the nakes them come and lie down quietfire protudes one of the baby's legs. Wiertz could paint other subjects, as his women and that famous dog in his kennel show, but his prophetic limning of German frightfulness in Belgium is

Signor d'Annunzio, Italy's poet-ido and political leader, comes nearest of all men to justify the dictum of Fletcher of Saltoun regarding the power of the poet as a law-maker. For d'Annunzio has "sung" Italy into war by his own ballads. In order that masterpieces, descriptive of human terror and frightfulness.

Wiertz seems to have been inspired by the Netherlands War of eighty-five all misquotation, his actual words may years ago, and his best scenes are of be here set down. They are taken



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It was the sixteenth of June, and a you think? That bird popped right indreadfully hot day. I remember the date, because it was the day after my birthday and mamma wouldn't let me have my hands full if I kept them go to school. I had a birthday party, and was very tired, mamma said. My head ached, and mamma said it would head ached, and mamma said it would look it from the marble basin in her

Our School Fair. Dear Uncle Jed: -Our school is only

ing him a noble title.

One night the Boston harbor. The tea sailed into Boston harbor. The people held a great meeting, but could not think how to get the tea back to England. At last on a dark and rainy night a company of young men dressed up as Indians went aboard the ships and threw the cargoes into the ocean. Before the young men went home there was not a pound of tea on the ships. MADELYN SULLIVAN, Age 10.

My Every Girl Should Learn to Cook. Why Every Girl Should Learn to Cook. Every girl should learn to cook when young.

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Fishing.

If a person wants to fish he should have patience.

If he wants to catch any he should have patience and where there agriculture.

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The prize book I had last time "Little Prudy has been interesting to my friends as well as myself.

LENA A. PALMER, Age 10.

> My Penny Life. Dear Uncle Jed:—Once I was bright and shiny, but now I am dull and greasy. First I came out of a little round vat, then into a large draw.
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> I stayed in this drawer a long while. A little boy took me for change. He put me in a bank. The bank sat upon a shelf beside an old clock. The old clock kept me company, for he was singing all the time.
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> Pennies kept dropping in until there was a dollar. He took me to a large bank. They gave me to a strong man. He nut me in a little vallow.
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